

ABSTRACT

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1864

Thomas Farm

Tilghmanton-Boonsboro Vicinity

private

This two story brick house, seven bays in length with its nearby outbuildings illustrates brick vernacular architecture from the third quarter of the 19th century in Washington County. An important feature of the house is the recessed double porch in its south gable wall. Although not frequently found in end walls, these inset double porches occur frequently on mid-19th century houses in the Cumberland Valley.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: <b>Thomas Farm</b>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>South of Manor Church Road at Antietam Creek.</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Tilghmanton-Boonsboro Vicinity</b>				
STATE: <b>Maryland</b>		COUNTY: <b>Washington</b>		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)		<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious    _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific    _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: <b>Joseph L.S. Thomas</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Route # 1, Box 383</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Boonsboro</b>		STATE: <b>Maryland</b>		<b>21713</b>
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <b>Washington County Court House</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>West Washington Street</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Hagerstown</b>		STATE: <b>Maryland</b>		<b>21740</b>
<b>Title Reference of Current Deed (Book &amp; Pg. #): 580/71</b>				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The Thomas farmhouse and, its related buildings are located at the end of a long private lane leading south from Manor Church Road in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated on an area of level ground and faces west.</p> <p>The structure is a two story, seven bay brick dwelling set on low field-stone foundations. The walls are laid in common bond with generally six rows of stretchers between courses of headers. A portion of the south gable wall is recessed forming a double porch enclosed on three sides with brick walls.</p> <p>Openings in the front elevation appear to be spaced evenly in the walls. Windows at the south end bay of the front elevation light the semi-enclosed porch in the south wall. All windows have six over six pane double hung sashes held within narrow frames. Broad wooden lintels are present over all openings.</p> <p>A pair of seemingly identical entrances are located in the third and fourth bays from the north end of the front elevation. Seven panel doors are held within narrow frames beneath three light transoms. Similar entrances are located at the main and second story level of the recessed porch. Other entrances are located in the rear elevation.</p> <p>The roof is covered with sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. A cornice of header bricks laid in a dentil pattern and topped with brick corbeling finishes the eaves. Large chimneys of brick with corbels at their tops are located inside each gable end and at the interior of the house toward its south end.</p> <p>A one and one half story brick out kitchen is located just southwest of the house. A deep overhang shelters its east elevation. A second brick out-building is located southeast of the house. A large frame bank barn set on rough stone foundations is located south of the house. Approximately one fourth mile southeast of the complex of buildings standing on a bluff above the Antietam is a small two story, four bay log dwelling sheathed by board and batten siding. Although it appears to date from the mid-19th century or later, it is, according to tradition older than the other buildings on the property. The owner spoke of a Civil War story, relating to the 1862 Battle Of Antietam, in connection with this log house.</p> <p>The main dwelling complex on this farm appears to be in good condition. The owner has stated that the house was built in 1864 by his great grandfather.</p>	

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)** 1864 Solomon S. Thomas

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education           | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering         | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The area of significance of this house and the surrounding farm buildings is its architecture. The property also derives military significance to a limited degree from its proximity to the Civil War Battlefield near Sharpsburg. According to the owner, several small incidents relating to the Battle occurred on the property.

The appearance of this house certainly support the 1864 building date. The structure which displays broad wooden lintels and common bond brick work and has contemporary outbuildings nearby, is a good example of Washington County's brick vernacular architecture from the third quarter of the 19th century. An important feature of this house is the recessed double porch in its south gable wall. Although not frequently found in end walls, these inset double porches occur frequently on mid-19th century houses in the Cumberland Valley.

The sheathed log house on the property is also important as representing a significant building tradition in Western Maryland.

This property has been in the Thomas family for many generations. In 1858 Solomon Thomas purchased the farm containing 209 13/16 acres from his mother, Sarah Thomas and heirs of his deceased father, George Thomas, for \$12,600. Solomon S. Thomas held the property until 1908.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records.

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County, Maryland. Hagerstown, Md:  
Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **204 acres.**

Acreage Justification:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

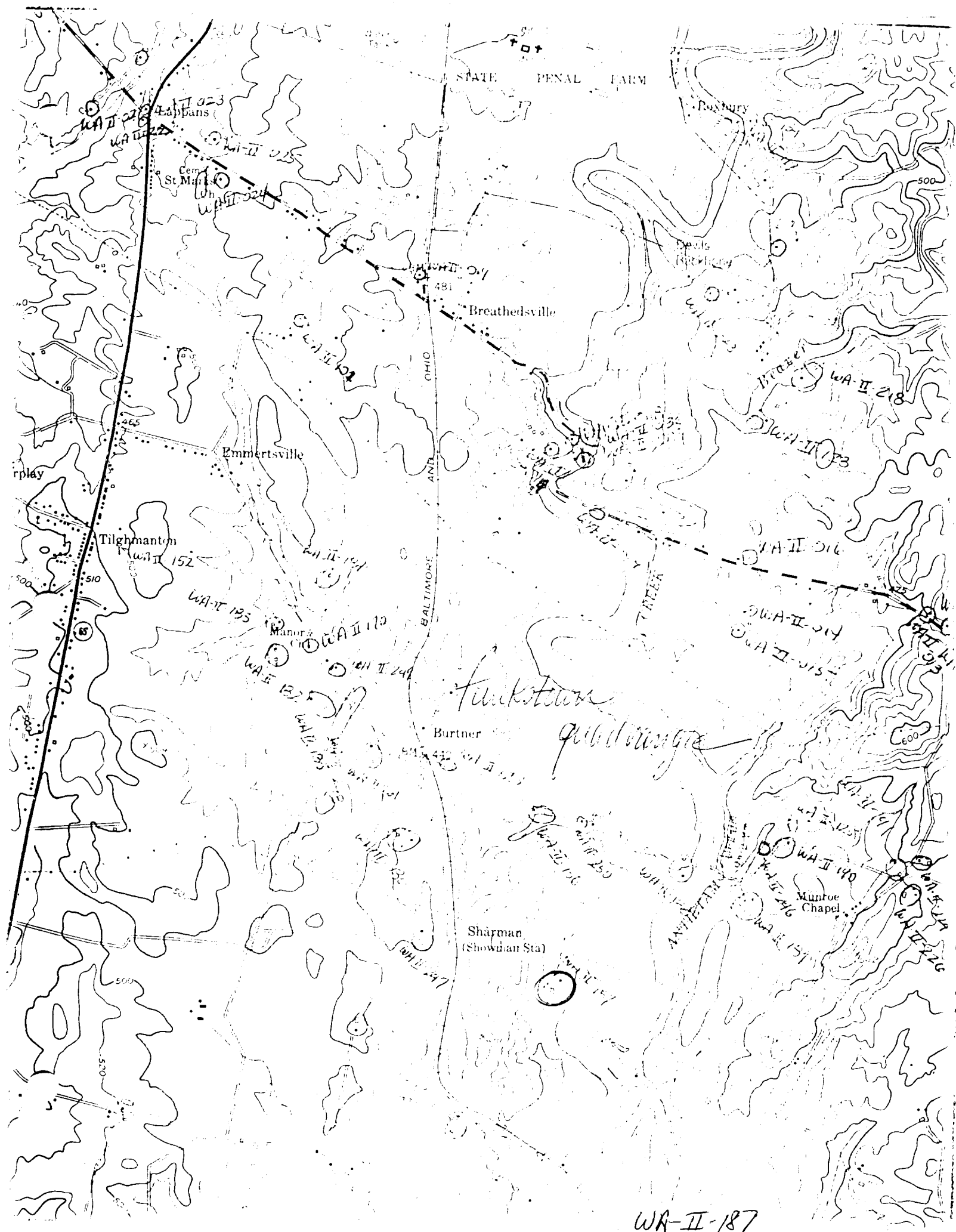
NAME AND TITLE: <b>Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant</b>		DATE <b>December 1975</b>
ORGANIZATION <b>Washington County Historical Sites Survey</b>		
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Court House Annex</b>		
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Hagerstown</b>	STATE <b>Maryland</b>	

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

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